

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 and 16-31 are pending in the Application.

Claims 5-15 and 32-50 have been cancelled herein, without prejudice and with traverse.

Claims 1-4 and 16-31 stand rejected by the Examiner.

Reconsideration of the present Application is respectfully requested in light of Applicant's Amendments and Remarks made hereinbelow.

CLAIM LISTING

Applicant respectfully submits the following claim listing and amendments to replace and supersede all previous claim listings:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing flat-fee cellular wireless communications services, said method comprising:

setting a given flat rate associated with a given period of time for said wireless communications services in a service area for at least one subscriber; and,

enabling, for said at least one subscriber, unlimited use of said wireless communications services solely within said service area for said period of time upon receipt of a corresponding payment of said given rate;

wherein said service area substantially coincides with a modeled geographic area that approximates at least one municipal region indicative of anticipated participation of the at least one subscriber in at least one selected from the group consisting of living, working, playing, shopping and traveling.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said at least one subscriber comprises a plurality of subscribers.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

identifying a plurality of land-line local calling areas corresponding to at least a portion of said service area; and,

defining a wireless local calling area corresponding to said service area so as to include at least a portion of said identified land-line local calling areas.

4. (Canceled)

5.-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for providing cellular wireless communications services to a plurality of users using a corresponding plurality of mobile communications devices solely within a predetermined geographic area, said method comprising:

setting a given flat price;

in response to receiving a payment of said given price corresponding to one of said mobile communications devices, enabling unlimited use of said corresponding one of said mobile communications devices ~~substantially~~ only within said predetermined geographic area that approximates at least one municipal region for a given temporal period;

wherein at least a portion of costs associated with said providing said wireless communications services are substantially mitigated as the plurality of users are motivated to originate and receive wireless communications based at least in part upon said given price and said unlimited use.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said wireless communications services consist of services within the geographic area.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said wireless communications services consist of local calling.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said wireless communications services comprise local calling.

21. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said wireless communications services further comprise at least one additional service selected from the group consisting of: voice mail services, and pre-paid long distance services.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said pre-paid long distance services are provided using voice-over-IP communications.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said wireless communications services are provided via transceivers each having a link budget designed primarily based upon system capacity.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said temporal period is recurring.

27. (Original) The method of Claim 26, further comprising, for a subsequent one of said recurring temporal periods, if said payment is not received, disabling unlimited use of said corresponding one of said mobile communications devices in said predetermined geographic area.

28. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said costs are increasingly mitigated as said originating wireless communications increase as compared to said incoming wireless communications.

29. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said costs comprise at least one interconnect charge.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said mobile communications devices are CDMA compatible.

31. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said mobile communications use a multiple access system.

32.-50. (Canceled)